

**REMARKS**

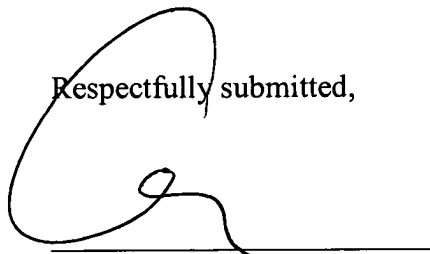
Claims 1-6, 13-17 and 19-28 have been examined and have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e). Also, the Examiner indicates that claims 13-17, 23-25, 27, and 28 contain allowable subject matter.

Applicant has cancelled the rejected claims without prejudice or disclaimer and has rewritten claims 23 and 27 in independent form to place the application in condition for allowance.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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